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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BEAMS ET AL.

Examiner

Michael B. Holmes

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 March 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 March 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 02072002.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☒ Other: Detailed Office Action.



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Examiner's Detailed Office Action

1. This Office Action is responsive to application 10/018,062, filed March 06, 2002.
2. Claims 1-19 have been examined.

Claim objection(s)

3. Claim 10 has a minor typo error regarding the naming of steps. Specifically it appears as if step (g), should in fact be step (e). Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by

Cook et al. (USPN 5,727,950).

Regarding claim 1, 10 & 11. *Cook et al.* teaches a method, apparatus & computer program product for establishing a collaborative training session, comprising the steps of:

- (a) receiving information indicative of a goal [*see* Fig. 1 & Abstract, *Examiner interprets a goal to be the end toward which an effort is directed or more appropriately an intention and in this case the intention is learning*, C 6, L 57-65];
- (b) prompting a user to enter a response congruent with the goal [*see* Fig. 2A & C 6, L 37-49 & L 57-65];
- (c) receiving the response to the goal [*see* Fig. 2A & C 6, L 37-49 L 57-65];
- (d) calculating a level of congruency between the response and a target response designed to achieve the goal [*see* C 5, L 54-55 & C 55, L 66 to C 56 L 43]; and
- (e) providing feedback to the user from a collaborative session reflecting the level of congruency to assist the user in achieving the goal [*see* C 5, L 46-55].

Regarding claim 2-5, 8, 9, 12-15, 18 & 19. *Cook et al.* teaches a plurality of servers that are coupled through a computer network [*see* Abstract, C 1, L 53-64, Fig. 2A & C 6, L 50-56].

Regarding claim 6, 7, 16 & 17. *Cook et al.* teaches a method wherein the training session is presented using prerecorded multimedia [*see* C 2, L 30-52 & C 4, L 34 to C 5, L 3].

Correspondence Information

6. Any inquires concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael B. Holmes, who may be reached Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. EST. or via telephone at (571) 272-3686 or facsimile transmission (571) 273-3686 or email Michael.holmesb@uspto.gov.

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